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CLAIMS

WE CLAIM:

1. (Amended) An orthopedic splint for maintaining the knee in a rest position, especially after surgery on the posterior cruciate ligament, said splint comprising a covering section with stabilizing sticks as well as tie strips which are constructed and arranged for fastening the covering section around the leg above and below the knee with the covering section positioned behind the leg and knee,

characterized in that the covering section includes a padding for the calf (9) only with the covering section urging the padding toward the calf only and not toward the knee.

2. (Amended) Orthopedic splint for maintaining the knee in a rest position, especially after surgery on the posterior cruciate ligament, said splint comprising a covering section with stabilizing sticks as well as tie strips which are constructed and arranged for fastening the covering section around the leg above and below the knee with the covering section positioned behind the leg and knee, the covering section including a padding for the calf (9) and the padding for the calf (9) protruding out of the splint (1) toward the Achilles tendon.

3. (Amended) Orthopedic splint the padding for the calf (9) only has a bifurcated lower end for encompassing the Achilles tendon on both sides.

4. (Amended) Orthopedic splint for maintaining the knee in a rest position, especially after surgery on the posterior cruciate ligament, said splint comprising a covering section with stabilizing sticks as well as tie strips which are constructed and arranged for fastening the covering section around the leg above and below the knee with the covering section positioned behind the leg and knee, the covering section including a padding for the calf (9) and the padding for the calf comprising a foamed body and being reinforced, on the side of the padding away from the leg, with a plastic brace (18), and the foamed body has a radius enabling it to fit snugly about the calf.

5. (Amended) Orthopedic splint according to claim 1, characterized in that the padding for the calf (9) is fastened on the inner side of the covering section by hook and loop fastening means.